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STATEMENT OF ASSESSORS.

VALUATION.

Resident valuation, real estate.....	\$ 99,482
Resident valuation, personal estate.....	24,752
Non-resident valuation, real estate.....	155,767
Non-resident valuation, personal estate.....	14,346
Total valuation in 1899.....	\$294,347
Total valuation in 1898.....	238,522
Increase for year.....	\$ 55,825

Number of polls, 159, at \$3, \$477.

Rate, \$18 on \$1,000.

AMOUNT RAISED AND ASSESSED.

Contingent fund.....	\$1,000 00
Repairs of school property.....	250 00
Text-book and appliances.....	150 00
Roads and bridges.....	1,000 00
Sidewalks:	
Main street.....	150 00
Beach “	175 00
Atlantic “	100 00
Construction of road, Gerrish's to Dodge place.....	200 00
Free high schools.....	100 00
Support of poor.....	500 00
Lock-up	250 00
Payment on loan.....	200 00
Open-air band concerts.....	150 00
Common schools.....	402 40
	<u>\$4,627 40</u>
For State tax.....	\$716 54
county tax.....	339 22
overlay	92 24
	<u>\$1,148 00</u>
Total sum assessed.....	<u>\$5,775 40</u>

The large increase of valuation, as shown by the foregoing figures, is not wholly actual increase of taxable

property. It was deemed advisable to raise the standard of valuation of last year 10 per cent. on all property that would bear it, in order to meet the raise on this town by the State assessors. This accounts for about \$20,000 of the apparent increase. About \$20,000 more was obtained on existing non-resident property, part of which had not been taxed before, and a part of which had been undervalued in comparison to other property of its class, and the balance, \$15,000, was actual increase in the way of new property and improvements. Thus the rate was decreased from two cents and four-tenths mills last year, to one cent and eight mills this year, notwithstanding \$416 more was raised than last year. The State assessors, at their meeting held at Bar Harbor last summer, appeared to appreciate our efforts in raising the standard of valuation and including in our inventory all taxable property in the town. It is, therefore, probable that we shall not be doomed in their next assessment.

BEDFORD E. TRACY,

JAS. M. GERRISH,

HERBERT E. TRACY,

Assessors.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

To overdraft last year charged to contingent fund..	\$ 222 96	
appropriation	500 00	
due from State reimbursement, burial expenses		
of I B Grover.....	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$757 96
By overdraft last year.....	\$ 222 96	
Ch C Larrabee, account I B Grover.....	16 00	
Fred Floyd, " " 	89 50	
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<i>Amounts carried forward.....</i>	\$ 328 46	\$757 96

<i>Amounts brought forward..... : .</i>			\$ 328 46	\$757 96
C K Merritt,	"	"	20 23	
L H Wakefield,	"	Frank Dunton.....	12 00	
Jas Gower,	"	I B Grover	134 00	
G B Tracy,	"	Frank Dunton.....	12 40	
R C Chemical Co,	"	I B Grover	2 00	
Mary Joy,	"	Frank Dunton.....	4 43	
J S Sargent,	"	"	1 15	
Henry Bunker,	"	Elihu Dunton	14 50	
H O Tracy,	"	Frank Dunton.....	5 00	
J S Nickles,	"	"	8 00	
A E Small,	"	I B Grover	35 75	
Geo W Sargent,	"	"	137 00	
A H Bickford,	"	burial I B Grover...	5 00	
R Rand,	"	" ...	24 00	
Jas Emery,	"	" ...	3 00	
W C Wescott,	"	" ...	3 00	
B F Sumner,	"	" ...	1 00	
J Roberts,	"	" ...	1 50	
J W Wescott,	"	Frank Dunton.....	4 75	
			<hr/>	\$757 17
Unexpended				79
				<hr/>

While there has been quite a heavy draw on this account most of the year, the only person now receiving aid is Elihu Dunton, who is still in the care of Henry C. Bunker, of Gouldsboro, under the same arrangement as last year, \$7.25 per quarter. The other Dunton boy, Frank, was supported by the town and sent to school up to last summer, so long as we could procure a place for him, but his roving disposition could not be checked, and he has since worked out, in various places, his own living.

In the case of Isaiah B. Grover, who was being supported by this town last year, at an expense of about \$60 per month, we immediately made arrangements whereby this expense was to be cut down to about \$40 per month, but the house which he occupied having burned, we were obliged to seek shelter and support for him in a private family at an expense of \$45 per month. In the course of

three months, however, we were able to obtain a very nice place for him at Geo. W. Sargent's, South Gouldsboro, where he was well cared for at \$35 per month up to the time of his death. Due application, with proper vouchers, have been filed with the governor and council for reimbursement by the State, of his burial expenses, amounting to \$35, pursuant to the law relating to the burial of honorably discharged soldiers.

There is also some two months' pension money due from the government, amounting to about \$22, which can probably be obtained and applied in reimbursement on the general expenses.

BEDFORD E. TRACY,

JAS. M. GERRISH,

HERBERT E. TRACY,

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

CONTINGENT FUND.

DR.

To unexpended balance last year.....	\$ 338 54	
amount raised this year.....	1,000 00	
" " for payment on debt.....	200 00	
amount of overlay.....	92 24	
Carriage licenses.....	20 00	
dog license.....	8 52	
pedler's license.....	9 00	
fire works.....	3 00	
temporary loan.....	500 00	
interest on 1898 tax collected.....	11 30	
" 1899 " " 	15 88	
	<hr/>	\$2,198 48

CR.

By overdraft poor fund, last year	\$222 96	
overdraft school-book and appliance fund last year.....	9 61	
Bar Harbor Press Co., printing report.....	14 00	
T R Hammond, surveying	13 90	
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books	25 22	
F G Tracy, stationery.....	2 40	
Jas M Gerrish, services as selectman, etc.....	76 90	
H E Tracy, " "	78 50	
J W Bunker, interest on loan.....	40 00	
H G Smallidge, hall rent.....	6 00	
A J Gerrish, moderator.....	3 00	
J W Bunker, temporary loan and interest.....	516 00	
L Bickford, cleaning up Sand Cove.....	1 05	
Wm Rand, one-half cost of wirefence on New- man street.....	25 43	
A E Small, recording deaths and births, 1898..	3 75	
D H Bickford, board of health work.....	4 50	
B E Tracy, services as selectman.....	73 00	
" office rent and expense	28 20	
" legal services.....	20 00	
B F Sumner, on board of health	6 35	
A E Small, " "	5 00	
A E Small, superintendent of schools.....	50 00	
R M Torrey, truant officer	20 30	
C E. Pendleton, abatements 1898 tax.....	21 00	
E C Hammond, teams.....	3 50	
J W Wescott, services and fees as clerk.....	\$ 21 45	
A E Small, recording deaths and births for '99,	3 25	
J M Gerrish, harbor master.....	10 00	
Jos M Gerrish, abatement on Mrs. Borie tax, '99,	9 00	
" commission on coll. of taxes, '99,	101 14	
C E Pendleton, postage, etc.....	2 45	
R Rand, services as auditor.....	4 00	
C E Pendleton, commission as treasurer.....	63 57	
" " coll. of tax, '98,	15 75	
overdraft hea se fund.....	15 00	
" lock-up ".....	14 13	
" special road "	95 98	
" sidewalk "	303 22	
Unexpended.....		\$1,929 46
		\$ 269 02

HEARSE FUND.

To balance unexpended last year.....	\$ 8 50	
charged to contingent fund.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$23 50
By William Guphill, driving, care and repairs.....		<hr/> \$23 50

LOCK-UP FUND.

To appropriation for purchase of cells and building of lock-up.....	\$250 00	
balance charged to contingent fund.....	14 33	
	<hr/>	\$264 33
By George Blance, freight on cells, etc.....	\$ 12 54	
E T Barum, cells, etc.....	147 52	
George T Child, building.....	86 02	
E T Barum, balance on cells.....	1 60	
George Farrar, labor.....	1 00	
H E Tracy, freight.....	1 15	
J W Bunker, stove and pipe.....	12 50	
George T Child, labor.....	50	
C A Surry, labor.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$264 33

CONSTRUCTION ROAD.

GERRISH'S TO DODGE PLACE.

To appropriation	\$ 200 00	
contribution by E J Hammond and D B Flint..	50 00	
balance charged to contingent fund.....	95 98	
	<hr/>	\$345 98
By Geo McKay et als., teams and labor.....	\$ 343 13	
D A Morrison, sharpening drills.....	\$ 2 85	
	<hr/>	\$345 98

SPECIAL SIDEWALKS.

To appropriations for Main street	\$ 150 00	
Beach street.....	175 00	
Atlantic street	100 00	
balance charged to contingent fund.....	303 22	
	<hr/>	\$728 22
By R Rand, lumber.....	\$ 495 61	
H R Weston, construction Atlantic street.....	22 95	
Jas M Gerrish, " Main "	74 25	
F R Bunker for nails, etc.....	23 34	
D W Joy & Son, cedar posts.....	4 23	
T R Hammond, construction Beach street... .	87 25	
E C Hammond, trucking lumber.....	20 59	
	<hr/>	\$728 22

OPEN AIR CONCERTS.

By appropriation	\$ 150 00
To paid Winter Harbor band	150 00

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

Contingent fund unexpended		\$ 269 02
Poor fund, unexpended		79
Road fund, overdrawn	\$ 42 39	
Sidewalk fund, overdrawn	6 95	
Common school fund, unexpended		94 75
School property fund, unexpended		38 20
Text books and appliances, overdrawn	22 56	
High school fund, unexpended		98 10
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 71 90	\$500 86
Average balance unexpended	428 96	500 86

FINANCIAL STANDING.

RESOURCES.

Balance in treasury	\$ 19 20	
Due on property bought in from sale on 1895—6		
taxes	4 12	
from collector, 1898 tax	31 00	
from State, account high school, 1899	69 00	
“ “ 1900	70 00	
“ “ for reimbursement of burial expenses		
of I B Grover	35 00	
from collector, 1899 tax	693 10	
from State, return dog tax 1899, estimated	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$936 42

LIABILITIES.

Orders on treasurer outstanding	\$ 306 12	
Payment on debt	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$506 12
		<hr/>
Surplus		\$430 30
Bills payable, unassessed		\$600

We are pleased to be able to show a balance unexpended of the contingent fund, notwithstanding the heavy drafts on it by the charge of the large amount of overdraft

on the poor fund last year, the overdraft on the special road and sidewalk, hearse and lockup funds this year.

NEW ROAD.

The appropriation of \$200 and contribution of \$50, were found far too small to build the road from Gerrish's to the Dodge place, connecting with the shore road of Mr. Jordan.

Four hundred dollars was the lowest bid obtained, and it was finally deemed best to employ George McKay to build as good a road as possible within the range of \$350 cost, and we were well satisfied with the result, and we trust the town will be, for we believe it is the best and most durable piece of road, considering the character of the surface, that was ever built in this section for the money. Mr. McKay appeared to take advantage of the rough rocky surface by turning it into a macadamize road. D. B. Flint and other land owners along the route kindly contributed the necessary gravel for the road. This road, in connection with Mr. Jordan's, affords another very picturesque and desirable drive.

NEW SIDEWALKS.

Upon making measurements of the three streets, along which it was voted at the last meeting to build new sidewalks, and obtaining estimates for labor and material, it was found that the appropriation would hardly cover the cost of material, notwithstanding we contracted for it before lumber took such an advance. We deemed it best, however, to build the walks the distances designated by the vote in a durable manner with as little expense as possible, and charge the overdraft against the contingent fund, trusting the town would ratify our action at the next annual meeting.

HEARSE.

No sum was appropriated this year for care of and driving the hearse, as usual, and that being left with your selectmen, they employed William Guptill to take charge of it for \$22, which, less unexpended balance of last year, was charged to the contingent fund.

LOCK-UP.

At the last annual meeting the town authorized the selectmen to purchase two cells and build a lock-up, appropriating \$250 for same, but did not provide for a location or land on which to set it. Capt. H. E. Tracy, however, kindly offered the use of a lot on Forest street to locate it temporarily which was accepted, and the cells purchased, building erected and fully fitted up and equipped at a cost of \$264 33, a little in excess of the appropriation.

The occupancy during the first six months of its existence, one Darling only having dined there, has demonstrated the urgent necessity of such an institution.

We wonder if the necessity of a building for an office equipped with a suitable safe, etc., where the books and records of the town can be safely left and preserved, can be so well demonstrated next year.

Respectfully submitted.

BEDFORD E. TRACY,

JAS. M. GERRISH,

HERBERT E. TRACY,

Selectmen of ~~Gouldsboro~~

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To balance unexpended on Schoodic street and bridge last year.....	\$ 96 51	
balance unexpended on general roads and bridges,	10 67	
Appropriation for this year.....	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,107 18
By F V Joy, snow bills.....	\$ 34 85	
expended for teams and labor in general repairs,	1,097 59	
expended for gravel.....	13 50	
“ lumber	3 63	
	<hr/>	\$1,149 57
Overdrawn		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 42 39

SIDEWALKS.

To balance unexpended last year.....		\$164 26
By F V Joy, snow bill.....	\$ 8 08	
expended for material in relaying and general repairs.....	82 21	
expended for labor, same.....	80 92	
	<hr/>	\$171 21
Overdrawn.....		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 6 95

Respectfully submitted.

E. C. HAMMOND, *Road Commissioner.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C E PENDLETON, TREASURER.

DR.

To balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1899		\$ 100 03
high school fund, 1897.....	\$ 86 25	
money hired	500 00	
J W Wescott, dog licenses	20 00	
returned dog tax.....	8 52	
mill tax and school fund.....	433 53	
E J Hammond, on new road.....	50 00	
Fred Ash, peddler's license	3 00	
Follett Gerrish, " "	3 00	
E R Noyes, " "	3 00	
fireworks, "	3 00	
Wm Guptill, carriage "	2 00	
Geo McKay, " "	2 00	
C E Pendleton, " "	2 00	
J J Roberts, " "	4 00	
John Hancock, " "	2 00	
E C Hammond, " "	4 00	
Sherm Spurling, " "	4 00	
collected on 1898 taxes	630 10	
J M Gerrish, '99 "	5,098 18	
	<hr/>	\$6,858 58
		<hr/>
		\$6,958 61

CR.

By county tax.....	\$ 339 22	
State tax.....	716 54	
dog tax.....	20 00	
dog tax, 1898	1 00	
bounty on seal	1 00	
orders paid.....	5,861 65	
	<hr/>	\$6,939 41
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Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1900		\$19 20
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Respectfully submitted.

C. E. PENDLETON, *Treasurer.*

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1900.

The members comprising the school committee this year are: George T. Childs, Jesse Smallidge, Elisha N. Bickford.

Each member has faithfully attended to the duties of his office, and has given much time and devoted much attention to the interest of our schools.

At the first meeting of the school board, the committee took upon themselves the duties of supervising repairs and of assuming general management of the school property.

SCHOOL FINANCES.

COMMON SCHOOL FUND.

Balance unexpended last year.....	\$ 57 26	
Appropriated by town.....	402 40	
State tax.....	433 53	
	<u> </u>	\$893 19

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching in 1898.....	\$ 51 00	
" this year.....	625 00	
wood	25 75	
janitor's services.....	56 65	
Gouldsboro for tuition.....	39 04	
	<u> </u>	\$798 44
Balance unexpended.....		<u>\$ 94 75</u>

REPAIR FUND.

Balance from last year	\$ 27 14	
Appropriated by town	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$277 14

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Mary Joy for cleaning	\$ 8 10	
H G Smallidge for stove	8 80	
B E Tracy, insurance	21 87	
George T Childs for labor	88 09	
R Rand, material..	96 26	
Jesse Smallidge, labor	5 58	
F R Bunker, locks	1 15	
G T Childs, labor and material	7 18	
R Rand, merchandise	1 91	
	<hr/>	\$238 94
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$ 38 20 <hr/>

HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

1898-1899.

Balance unexpended	\$ 33 85	
Appropriated by town	150 00	
Received from State	69 00	
	<hr/>	\$252 85

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. Jesse Smallidge, supplies	\$ 7 00	
Sarah Abbott, teaching	15 00	
C B Morse, teaching	123 00	
Jesse Smallidge, janitor	10 25	
	<hr/>	\$155 25
Balance unexpended		<hr/> 97 60 <hr/>

1899-1900.

Balance from last year	\$ 97 60	
Appropriated by town	100 00	
Due from State	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$267 60

EXPENDITURES.

Pd. J L Smallidge, wood	\$ 14 50	
Sumner P Mills	140 00	
Jesse Smallidge, janitor	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$169 50
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$ 98 10 <hr/>

SCHOOL BOOK FUND.

Appropriated by town.....		\$150 00
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid for books purchased last year.....	\$ 71 70	
Bills contracted this year.....	100 86	
	<hr/>	\$172 56
Overdrawn		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 22 56

About Nov. 1 of this year the superintendent received statements from the various book firms to the amount of \$71 70 for books purchased last year, leaving us a balance of only \$78 30, after after paying last year's bills. The school board having no knowledge of these outstanding bills, and supposing that we had the full amount of the appropriation, had made purchases accordingly, which necessarily resulted in an overdraw of \$21 47. The matter was laid before the school committee, who advised the superintendent to supply the schools during the winter term, which has been done with as much economy as possible.

This report includes the amount of every bill contracted this year, and will afford a reliable basis for future appropriations.

The new system adopted this year for the care and preservation of school-books has been carefully and faithfully attended to by the janitor, who has kept an account with every scholar of books distributed and received. Mr. Smallidge has been so successful in locating each missing book that the town has not suffered a single loss in this direction, thus saving much expense.

LOWER HARBOR AND MARK ISLAND.

Schools have been maintained at Lower Harbor and at Mark Island this year. It will be necessary for the

town to empower the committee by a special vote at the annual meeting, in order to continue the schools at either place another year.

TRUANTS.

The law relating to the apprehension of truants has been enforced in every instance, and after pupils became convinced that they must comply with the requirements or suffer the penalty, the attendance has been kept up without much difficulty.

I would recommend the attention of parents to a section of the truant law passed by the last legislature, which reads as follows :

“Any person having control of a child who is an habitual truant and being in any way responsible for such truancy, and any person who induces a child to absent himself from school, or harbors or conceals such child when he is absent, shall forfeit not exceeding \$20 for the use of the public schools of the city or town in which such child resides, to be recovered by the truant officer on complaint, or such person shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days. An habitual truant, if a boy, may be committed to the State Reform School, or, if a girl, to the State Industrial School for Girls. Police or municipal courts, and trial justices shall have jurisdiction of the offenses above described.”

IMPROVEMENTS.

An urgent need of the school at present is the addition of another schoolroom. The number of scholars in this district is rapidly increasing, and the schools are becoming too crowded to allow the best work to be accomplished by the teachers. A room for an intermediate school during the spring and autumn, and a high school-room for winter is earnestly recommended by the school committee and superintendent.

The improvements made by the committee on the interior of the grammar schoolroom have won such general approval that it is hoped that the citizens will make an appropriation for similar improvements in the lower room.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The Winter Harbor high school commenced Dec. 4, and continued ten weeks, with an attendance of thirty-eight scholars. The scholars entered upon their course of study with an unusual degree of interest which continued unabated until the close of the term. The school was under the management of Sumner P. Mills, a teacher of unusual ability both as regards discipline and methods of instruction. Mr. Mills did not confine his duties wholly to the schoolroom, but labored assiduously out of school hours to better train and improve his pupils by the advantages derived from social and literary entertainments.

With the addition of another schoolroom, so that the high school could begin in November, we could maintain two short terms of school closing before the first of March, much to the advantage of the pupils, and with little, if any, additional expense to the town.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion would say that while we still see a chance for many improvements in our school system, yet we feel a degree of satisfaction that we have made some progress in the past year; and especially hope that the value of a high school has become so apparent to all that it may become an established institution.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. SMALL,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

To the Inhabitants, Greeting:

I have filled the office as truant officer to the best of my ability. There have been lots of absentees from school,

and much of it has been on account of parents being too easy with their children and letting them stay at home, rather than sending them to school ; while others keep them from school, thinking it is beating the officer, but they will learn the folly of it when it is too late.

The officer has done his duty and got his pay, and their children have lost the education they might have had. So, fathers and mothers, do be more thoughtful, and send your children to school, so that the truant officer will not be seen calling at your houses.

Respectfully submitted.

R. M. TORREY,

Truant Officer.

PORT OF WINTER HARBOR, MAINE.

HARBOR-MASTER'S REPORT.

Number of permits issued to all kinds of craft for mooring purposes is as follows: Steamboats, 2 ; steam yacht, 1 ; schooners, 2 ; sloop yachts, 8 ; small boats, 18. Total, 31. Cars, 6. Whole number, 37.

JAMES M. GERRISH,

Harbor-Master.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Having made an examination of the original accounts as contained in the foregoing reports, I find them well kept, and proper vouchers for all orders drawn on the treasurer. All bills, so far as known, including expenses of term of high school just closed, have been presented and orders

drawn for same. There are outstanding orders, unpaid, to the amount of \$306 12, and also payment of \$200 due on town debt.

It appears by the financial report of the selectmen that the net surplus of resources, over liabilities due, is \$430 30, which is not large enough to offset the balances of uncollected taxes and the amount due from the State on high school account and other sources, at the close of each year, all of which gradually increases, whereby the treasurer is able to meet the payment of all orders drawn on the various appropriations, especially if the appropriations are fully expended by the officers of the various departments. I, therefore, recommend that a larger contingent fund than usual be raised next year in order to overcome this difficulty.

Upon the whole, however, the town is in very good financial standing, the only indebtedness unassessed being a balance of \$600, principal, on the \$1,000 loan obtained in 1897, payable \$200 annually, with interest at 5 per cent.

Respectfully submitted.

R. RAND, *Auditor*.